

**In the United States Court of Federal Claims**  
**OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS**

No. 08-810V

Filed: September 14, 2009

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SANFORD BETZ,

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Petitioner,

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Influenza vaccine; Guillain-Barre  
Syndrome; Stipulation

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v.

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SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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**DECISION**<sup>1</sup>

On September 14, 2009, the parties to the above-captioned case filed a Stipulation memorializing their agreement as to the appropriate amount of compensation in this case. Petitioner alleges that he developed Guillain-Barre Syndrome (hereinafter “GBS”), and subsequently numbness and tingling in his feet, as a result of his November 6, 2007, influenza vaccination. Respondent denies that petitioner’s GBS was caused-in-fact by his influenza vaccination. Nonetheless, the parties agreed informally to resolve this matter.

The court hereby **ADOPTS** the parties’ said Stipulation, attached hereto, and awards compensation in the amount and on the terms set forth therein. Specifically, petitioner is awarded a lump sum of **\$170,000.00** in the form of a check payable to petitioner. See Stipulation, para. 8, filed September 14, 2009. The Clerk of the Court is directed to enter judgment accordingly.<sup>2</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/ Gary J. Golkiewicz  
Gary J. Golkiewicz  
Chief Special Master

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<sup>1</sup>The undersigned intends to post this decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims’s website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002). As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction “of any information furnished by that party (1) that is a trade secret or commercial or financial in substance and is privileged or confidential; or (2) that includes medical files or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.” Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, the entire decision will be available to the public. Id.

<sup>2</sup>Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties can expedite entry of judgment by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review by a United States Court of Federal Claims judge.